



MARYLAND Department of Health

Maryland SHIP Health Action Newsletter

Friday, August 17, 2018

Event: Mid-Atlantic Association of Community Health Centers (MACHC) Annual Conference



Image: Text reads, "This is public health."

Thursday - Friday, Sept. 20 - 21

Registration is now open for the MACHC annual conference. This year's theme will be "*Access to Health Care: Empowering Change.*"

The conference will focus on how health systems of care are working to become more unified organizations, and the role patient access plays in building this foundation. Topics to be covered include:

- Chronic care management in vulnerable populations
- Rural health
- Social determinants of health
- Recruitment and retention
- Emergency preparedness

For more information and to register for this conference, [click here](#).

Event: Biennial Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Prevention Conference



Image: Patient talking with her doctor.

Monday - Thursday, Aug. 27 - 30

STD prevention and control in the United States is complex. It involves many populations, intervention strategies, and stakeholders. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will soon host the 2018 National STD Prevention Conference, and this

year's theme is "*Intersecting Epidemics, Integrated Solutions.*" Discussions will explore the intersections between STDs not only with one another, but also with:

- Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)
- Reproductive health
- Maternal-child health
- Substance abuse

For more information about this event, [click here](#). Learn more about STD prevention resources by visiting the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) [Center for Sexually Transmitted Infection Prevention website here](#).

Event: National Home and Community-Based Services Conference



Image: Home health worker visiting a client.

Monday - Thursday, Aug. 27 - 30

Despite new challenges, reduced budgets, and growing demand for home and community-based services (HCBS), states continue to effectively engage and serve their citizens. The National Association of States United for Aging and

Disabilities (NASUAD) will host the National HCBS Conference. This conference will highlight the most innovative programs, partnerships, and achievements across the nation.

For more information about this event, [click here](#).

Funding Opportunity: Ryan White HIV Emergency Relief Grant



Image: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) logo.

Health Resources & Services Administration Friday, Sept. 21

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is now accepting applications for the Ryan White Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Emergency Relief Grant Program. The purpose of this program is to provide direct financial assistance to an eligible metropolitan area or a transitional grant area that has been severely affected by the HIV epidemic. The grant will assist in the development or enhancement of access to a comprehensive continuum of high quality, community-based care for low-income people living with HIV.

For more information about this funding opportunity, [click here](#). Learn more about HIV prevention, care services, and surveillance in Maryland by visiting the MDH [Infectious Diseases Bureau website here](#).

Resource: Bullying Identification and Prevention



Image: A group of teens looking at their phones while sitting next to each other.

According to [StopBullying.gov](https://stopbullying.gov), bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school-aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. Both kids who are bullied and who bully others may have serious, lasting problems. The United States Department of Health and Human Services provides a public resource to help identify and prevent bullying, including cyberbullying. [StopBullying.gov](https://stopbullying.gov) provides information and training on bullying prevention strategies, a community action toolkit, research resources, and more.

Access this valuable resource by visiting [StopBullying.gov](https://stopbullying.gov).

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